

Grant that Mr. Wilson has been

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Mr. Harding tells us, by the splendid, heroic, self-sacrificing Republican senators who have saved America's liberty, but if we endorse this league with this Article X we have sacrificed

I believe that these wars, which are never manifest with which the supreme council had to do, and not the League of Nations, would have been different. I believe this bolshevist uprising in Russia would have been easily unrolled and minimized without shedding of so much blood, but we have not gone into it because they said "here we are sacrificing our sovereignty," and furthermore, "we must ever avoid entangling alliances." Now, I pledge you my word of honor that I would not have been so stupid as to get us so much tangled up as ever a nation could when we went into war. Were there not entangling alliances then? When two people get married it strikes me there is an entangling alliance there, but would you want to avoid that sort of entangling alliance? Would you want to avoid that? Would you want to avoid any alliance that entangled you with duty and honor, with courage and with high moral ideals. Is it that sort of entangling alliances that are to be avoided? If so, then why did we get into this big mess? Why don't we keep our noses out of this Cuban war? Entangling alliances! What is meant by it? That we are to live the provincial life of the colonies or of the little limited nation? You can't do it; it is impossible. I want to say to you that these entangling alliances are the doing of America, and the doing of the duty of every other nation a member of the league, but, for God's sake, don't let us say we don't want to get tangled up with honor and duty and with the things of truth and righteousness. We don't have to be bound to go. This is a nation that has long ago laid aside its swaddling clothes.

First, now, let me see if I can make myself clear on this thing, America. Who is America? What is America? Is America an entity apart from her people? No. America is bound to be first except as America recognizes the relationship that makes her America?

Are we going to forget our dead? My friends, as you go to the polls on November 2 try to keep in mind those pale faces that somewhere yonder are looking up to the stars who fought not that you might make a hundred dollars or more—fars—not that, imagining themselves soldiers—try to imagine those who have to live and save his skin at all hazards and let courage and moral idealism go, and let Heaven go, and let God Almighty go if we can keep our dollars. Think of the dead as if the soldier died without a wound, as if he were still alive, as if the bloody deeds passed off to Heaven, no wife to pine for him, no God to judge him. Let those men who sleep yonder under the poppies in Flanders fields tell you how to vote, for they fought nothing other than the principles which I am here to defend—the principles of our League of Nations. America first! Yes! First in moral leadership! First in recognizing the privilege growing out of her relationship so she can live a normal life. If she does not live in her relationships, which are international relationships, she cannot live a normal life. Make America first, clear-eyed, star-eyed, with a better, fuller opportunity. America first, which is preserving her moral self-respect, keeping faith with her Allies, being true with her own soul, keeping faith with the dead who cannot speak now for the right.

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